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DOGS' ILLS CURES

A Canine Specialist Writes of Surgical Operations on Dogs.

ned Millionaires Spend the Money-comothing About the Ills of Dog Flosh with Mention of a Faons Dogs' Cemetery.

[COPYRIGHT, 1891.] Canine specialist is the term used to designate the veterinary practitioner who devotes himself exclusively to the ailments of dogs, and to such a development has the profession been advanced that one of the main objects of the veterinary association lately organized in New York city is for the suppression of unqualified, ignorant persons from undertaking to cure dogs of disease. The canine specialist who is successful can earn as much as a physician in good practice—in some cases his fees exceeding those of doctors in human practice. For instance, it was nothing out of the way when, during the life of the late J. K. Emmett, I was paid two hundred and fifty dollars for performing two operations on his St. Bernard dog Plinlimmonthe dog that cost the actor five thousand dollars in cash. It would surprise those who have paid no attention to the subject to be informed of the extent of the practice of the few ca-nine specialists (there are but three in New York). A large number of my clients are prominent ladies in fashionable life, who value their pets' lives nearly equally with those of hu-

fect the French poodle. Dogs are subject to about the same complaints as the human family, and though disease in the way of pulmonary troubles, etc., has frequently been known to be transmitted from the human to the lower animal, there have but two cases come under my observation, where humans contracted disease from dogs. These two cases were of a true parasitie character known as mange in the dog or itch in the human, both cases occurring where the pets were permitted to sleep in the same

man beings and are quite willing to

pay liberally to have them kept in health. The prevailing fashions in la-dies' dogs include the King Charles.

Japanese, Ruby, Prince Charles and

Blenheim spaniels, though many af-

bed with their mistresses. Among the prominent owners of dogs is Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose kennel of collies is making a world-wide reputation. In addition to the collies he has a number of other varieties of dogs, among which is the English bob tailed sheepdog, recently purchased of the Hempstead Farm kennels. The animal is a novelty in the dog line, there being probably but six specimens in the whole country. The dog has won prizes wherever exhibited

In fox terriers I believe Mr. August

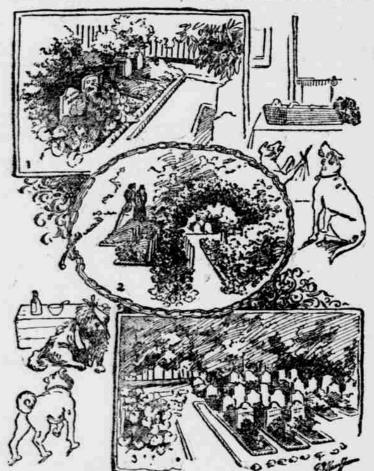


When about four weeks old a little soup, thickened with stale bread, may be allowed twice a day and this diet gradually substituted for the milk-doing away with the latter entirely when two months old. As a rule puppies may be weaned at the age of six weeks. One object in getting rid of the milk diet at an early age is that stomach worms, which exist in nearly all puppies, seem to thrive on it to the detriment of the latter. Well boiled meat and vegetables of all kinds except potatoes (which are the hardest of all vegetables for a dog to digest) should be gradually introduced into the diet, and this mixed diet is the very best that can be fed during the life of the animal. The object in giving a variety of food is that all parts of the animal may be nourished. The old idea that feeding meat to a puppy will cause distemper has been exploded. Side L

One of the most common diseases of the dog is distemper. As canine pathology has been given more attention in the past few years than formerly, we have now become quite familiar with the nature of the disease and the remedies indicated; consequently the loss by death is comparatively small when proper treatment and attention are given. Yet very few dogs pass through life without having it at some period.

Mange is another frequent canine complaint. The word mange applied to the dog is equivalent to itch as used of human beings. Worms, without doubt, cause the death in various ways of more puppies than other diseases, from the fact that they may be destroying life when their presence is not suspected, except to those who are quite familiar with the symptoms. There are a number of varieties of the tape worm to which the dog is subject.

So much then for the reason of the present development of canine patholis only the valuable dogs which re-ceive treatment. Large sums are spent for advice regarding animals valued for association's sake. In the case of high priced dogs, medical advice is in the nature of insurance on the investment. In this connection, I think the most costly dog I ever Belmont may be considered the most | treated is "Sir Edevered," imported important breeder. All these gentle- some three years ago, which sold for men are constant patrons of canine sixty-five hundred dollars. He had an practitioners. My experience has shown | acute_attack_of_gastritis, but I suc-



semetery.

me that the majority of dog owners are quite ignorant as to the proper mode of feeding in order to keep their dogs healthy, happy and handsome. I will begin with the suckling puppy. In order that the mother may be relieved at as early a time as possible of the strain of nursing a number of puppies the youngsters should be encouraged to lap milk when about three weeks old. This may be taught in the following manner: Get the pupples around a pan of milk and shove their noses into it. That which adheres about the muzzle will be licked off, the puppies thus getting a taste of it. and after a few experiences of this kind they will lap eagerly. But remember that cow's milk differs in its constituency from that of a bitch's and unless properly prepared will disorder the bowels. The cow's milk should be scalded and slightly sweetened, as it does not contain as large an amount of sugar of milk as that of a bitch. The milk after being prepared should be fed at the same temperature as that of the dam's. By this means the mother is relieved and the puppies receive more nutriment, especially if there be a number of them.



ceeded in bringing him safely through it. He is undoubtedly the highest priced of living dogs.

In this country we have not carried our canine cult to the extent of having a cemetery for dogs, although in England there is such an institution. It is situated in Hyde Park not far from Bayswater Road. The graves of thirty-nine dogs make up this cemetery, of which thirty-three have tombstones over them, mostly marble. In most cases women are the owners of the dogs and the epitaphs have been prepared with the intention of being touching.

There is a grave digger connected with the place, and it is all respects conducted like an orthodox burial ground. One of its most noteworthy graves is that of a dog which in its lifetime belonged to the duke of Cambridge. The grave is decorated with flowers in summer and all the graves about are decorated at intervals.

But, as I have said, in this country there is no such institution as a dogs' remetery. When the more celebrated animals die they are either stuffed or skeletonized or put down in the ground with no memorial of any kind. No doubt it is deemed sufficient to pay their doctor's bills while they live without wasting money in the shape of Tribune. a tombstone. Still, if a dog saves some valuable life at the risk of his own, as we hear now and then, a monument

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